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Here we go:

<http://www.glossary.oilfield.slb.com/Display.cfm?Term=chrome%20lignosulfonate>

Any environmentalists in the Midland/Odessa area who can keep an eye on this?  
(maybe someone in former Speaker Craddick's office?)

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Al

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2009 3:41 PM  
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Any idea if hex chromium is used as a biocide/corrosion inhibitor/etc in the witches brew of stuff that gets injected into oil/gas wells?

The Cr6 might be geologic, but given the location, you never know.

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**From:** Texas Commission on Environmental Quality [<mailto:tceq@service.govdelivery.com>]  
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**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009**  
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**TCEQ HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING ON WATER WELL CONTAMINATION**  
*At Horseshoe May 28 7 p.m.*

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has scheduled an informational meeting for May 28 to answer questions concerning the chromium found recently in private water wells south of Midland along West County Road 112.

The meeting will be held at the Midland County Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail, Midland, 79701, at 7 p.m. TCEQ representatives as well as County Commissioner Luis Sanchez and representatives from the Texas Department of State Health Services will be on hand to provide information addressing residents' concerns. Spanish translation will be provided.

The TCEQ received a call from a resident concerned about their well on March 30, 2009. Sampling conducted shortly thereafter discovered high levels of hexavalent chromium in the private well water. Since that time, the TCEQ has sampled 80 private wells, and 32 have shown chromium contamination. The TCEQ has also sampled for other contaminants. No contaminants that would affect filter performance have been detected, nor have any other contaminant plumes been identified.

The TCEQ, at no cost to the residents, has installed filtration systems that will remove the contamination from affected well waters making it safe for all household uses including drinking and bathing, and is also providing bottled drinking water until the filtration systems are installed and verified to be working as designed. The TCEQ's information is that very few of the residents, if any, were using their well water for drinking.

Sampling is continuing out ½ mile from the original point of detection to ensure safety and to determine the extent of the contamination. The TCEQ is continuing to look for the source of the contamination, doing inspections in the area and looking through any records that may assist in the effort. So far, a source has not been identified.

TCEQ has set up a website with information on the site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/remediation/sites/cr112.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/remediation/sites/cr112.html). Or, inquiries may be directed to 800-633-9363.

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